

the following means: A sloughing off, and wiping out of the most unfavorable element to progress by war and its consequences. When nations or parts of nations become so corrupt, so low and mean, as to offend justice and block the wheels of progress, it is right that they be swept away, not by wholesale slaughter, but by war and the natural working of the laws of nature. The South have shown themselves incapable of progress for several generations, except downward. Unless they repent if they keep their word and "die in the last ditch," humanity will be the gainer.

The next element of progress in the South is the black man. Patient, even to a fault, under the crushing weight of wrong, for generations supporting his master in idleness with hardly a murmur, making brick without straw, and doing all that had been done to develop southern industry, and capable of doing ten thousand times more when free, he is to day the most important element of civilization in the South. There is not a doubt but that his shackles of his home, wife and child, labor and thought his own, he is superior to the southern whites. Suited to the climate, and started in a healthy growth by having justice done him, he will yet make the South free.

The remaining hope for the South is the invasion of our armies to every part of their domain. Such invasions, under such circumstances, are great civilizers. They have already done noble work by making the edict of emancipation practical. This was the great glow that tore through the fog swamps and filthy caves in which lurked the miasm of treason and crime, let off its stagnant waters, and let in the sun to scatter its pestiferous atmosphere. Though coarse grass may grow for a time, yet this will purify and fit for a higher growth. The soldiers, when they will to reclaim the volcanic fields about Mount Etna, plant the Indian Fig, whose roots penetrate into the fissures of the lava, extend their ramifications into every crevice, burst the rocks asunder, and in time reduce them to powder, the Fig manna decaying and furnishing vegetable mold for better plants to feed upon. So war—cruel, dreadful war, though it is making the hearts of millions bleed, in the Indian Fig which is breaking up the Southern waste and preparing it for better growth. The South needs Northern blood fresh from the pines of Maine, Minnesota and Michigan; from the hills of Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, to plant this civilization. They want a free press and free schools; they will get these from the multitude of our soldiers who will settle South, and in a few years emigrant aid societies, already formed and forming, will send millions more to cultivate cotton fields and sugar plantations by free labor, and implant vigorous life for Southern efficiency—new strength for Southern corruption.

The Annual Report of Adjutant General HILL.

The Report of Adjutant General Hill for the year ending December 31st, 1863, is in type and nearly ready for publication. It commences by calling the attention of the Legislature to the necessity of a complete official Army Register of Ohio troops. It gives information as to the completion in 1863 of the incomplete military organizations of 1862, which include two companies of sharpshooters, the regiment of "Governor's Guards," the cavalry company of the 11th regiment, the sixth company of the 11th, the tenth company of the 12th, the 8th and 10th cavalry, and the 21st and 22d Independent Batteries, and the 5th U. S. Colored troops.

The report remarks that more than 8,000 Ohio men have been appropriated and credited to other States, namely: Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, West Virginia, New York, and Massachusetts. This evil calls loudly for redress. The report justifies, in a brief but forcible argument, the course of the Governor in recruiting to fill up old regiments instead of organizing new ones.

The summary of Ohio troops follows: Total three months troops, 26,833; Total six months troops, 2,739; Total nine months troops, 1,112; Total three years troops, 1,112; Total four years troops, 1,112; Total five years troops, 1,112; Total six years troops, 1,112; Total seven years troops, 1,112; Total eight years troops, 1,112; Total nine years troops, 1,112; Total ten years troops, 1,112; Total eleven years troops, 1,112; Total twelve years troops, 1,112; Total thirteen years troops, 1,112; Total fourteen years troops, 1,112; Total fifteen years troops, 1,112; Total sixteen years troops, 1,112; Total seventeen years troops, 1,112; Total eighteen years troops, 1,112; Total nineteen years troops, 1,112; Total twenty years troops, 1,112; Total twenty-one years troops, 1,112; Total twenty-two years troops, 1,112; Total twenty-three years troops, 1,112; Total twenty-four years troops, 1,112; Total twenty-five years troops, 1,112; Total twenty-six years troops, 1,112; Total twenty-seven years troops, 1,112; 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